

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee  
Monthly meeting minutes, April 1st, 2019, 7:00pm  
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Amanda Carlson, Wes Cate, Becky Wigg

Members of the public in attendance: Michael Billingsly, Rich Phillips, Bob Atchinson

- Select a facilitator
  - Nick volunteered.
- Public comment
  - No public in attendance.
- Announcements
  - Beginning Friday the 5th is the 350.org climate walk.
    - Event on Sunday in the park in Hinesburg at 11:30
    - Tuesday the 9th there is another walking event to the Montpelier state house.
    - Sign up for a day, all days, a partial day, etc.
  - Plant sale orders due 4/1 (today). Pick is last Saturday in April, the 27th.
  - In June the Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Committee is holding an event on working together during an emergency. Saturday June 23rd. More details to come.
  - Kickoff meeting for the Model Communities meeting is on 4/30 at 4:30pm at Twinfield.
- Agenda modification
  - Minutes added.
- Approval of previous minutes
  - Approved.
- Business
  - Act 174 update - 5 minutes
    - CVRPC did provide feedback about our draft, and this was generally very positive.
    - Some small modifications are needed to get this fully in compliance.
    - Nick will make these edits (with others, if they want) ahead of the next energy committee meeting.
    - Bob mentioned that Plainfield is on the path to getting this done.
  - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam. - 5 minutes

- A request was submitted to modify the schedule by GMP. This pushes this out until August.
- Michael is concerned that GMP will again start conducting work on the dam without having a CPG for all work to be completed.
  - As a reminder, the recently issued dam safety report indicates that the emergency spillway is used, the dam is likely to fail.
- Michael/Plainfield intend to submit a request for injunction to the case to try and prevent GMP performing any work until safety considerations are accounted for (e.g. emergency spillway)
  - Michael to send the draft of the Plainfield injunction to Becky and Nick.
- Michael is hoping that Marshfield's Selectboard could file a similar injunction to this effect.
  - Nick will ask to be on the agenda for the 4/16 selectboard meeting to discuss this with them.
    - Need to review the dam safety report. Ahead of this.
- Discussion of model communities grant (if needed) - 10 minutes
  - The planning meeting has happened. They generated a list of things they need to do, and assignments for people. The big first, public, meeting is on the 30th.
  - The information and ideas gathered on the 30th will then be acted on. A second meeting will occur during the summer.
  - Recently the Twinfield school has latched onto this, and is getting involved.
  - Becky asked that we share and invite people to the event on the 30th. The bigger and more diverse a group that attends, the better the result is going to be and the more community support.
    - Child care will be available.
  - Four topics have been selected to focus on: Weatherization, Transportation, community, business development / economic development.
  - Carpooling for 4/30:
    - Anne would like to organize this to avoid vehicle miles.
    - Rich mentioned that VT Rural Development guy (John) was including something related to carpooling. Likely the GoVT site.
  - Planned activities
- Climate action team (if needed) - 5 minutes

- This has mostly backed off, and is focused on the model communities work.
  - The only outstanding item is a charging station for Twinfield. Their grant application was rejected, but they are trying to figure out if they should apply again.
- Discussion about Marshfield charging station grant application - 10 minutes
  - Amanda summarized the EV charging station grant application.
    - The subcommittee is more interested in trying to get a Level 3 charger installed, as opposed to Level 2.
    - The two locations of focus are the OSC, and the village store.
      - Both locations are being looked at, but the village store has better “amenities”, which the grant will prioritize.
      - Michael pointed out that high speed wifi should count for something (which the OSC says)
    - Amanda has been getting quotes for charging station equipment.
      - The first quote for a Level 3 charger, only for the equipment and installation, is \$56k. This is (hopefully) the high estimate.
    - Rich is working on getting a quote for electrical work.
    - Funding the local share could be a bit tricky. Need to figure out if the town could put money up for it.
  - The committee agrees that the subcommittee is in charge of this and empowered to submit the application with the best path.
- Update on book/video purchases (if needed)
  - Not needed.
- Plainfield update - 10 minutes
  - Bob is doing follow-ups for Button Up contractor walk-throughs. A few left for April.
    - There was some issue related to low-income people.
  - Paul Markowicz left Efficiency VT. This has some effect on Weatherization efforts and also the Model Communities work.
  - Bob spoke to the selectboard about Model Communities.
- Discussion about weatherization (if needed) - 5 minutes.
  - The legislature (house) just passed a bill dedicating more money to low income weatherization.
    - This has not yet passed both chambers. The governor may veto this.

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